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Dear Sir:

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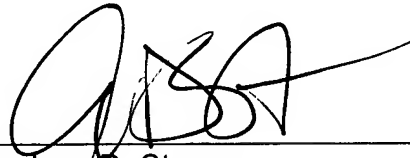
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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any

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Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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